

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 7

Date of Meeting: May 11, 2004

Date Submitted: May 5, 2004

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
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Subject: Ratification of Actions taken at the April 27, 2004 Workshop on Jail Population Management

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks Board ratification of the actions taken at the Workshop on Jail Population Management held on April 27, 2004.

Background:

During the November 27, 2001 Jail Population workshop, the Board requested that the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) submit an annual report to the Board on jail population.

Analysis:

The Board held a workshop on April 27, 2004 to discuss the PSCC's 2003 Annual Report and Recommendations regarding jail population management. Members of the PSCC, including the Chief Judge, Public Defender, County Probation Director, and representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Police Department, Court Administration, Refuge House and the Citizens' Task Force on the Over-representation of Blacks in the Jail attended the workshop and participated in the discussion.

Following lengthy Board discussion on the issues brought forward in the PSCC Annual Report and Recommendations, the Board took the following action:

- Accept the PSCC's 2003 Annual Report and Recommendations.
- Direct staff to bring back budget discussion items for expansion of current jail alternative programs for Board consideration during the Fiscal Year 2004/2005 budget hearings.

Options:

1. Ratify the Board actions taken at the April 27, 2004 Workshop on Jail Population Management.
2. Do not ratify the Board actions taken at the April 27, 2004 Workshop on Jail Population Management.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1.